

collections for and remit them to the Parent Society. How much will the

FREE GRANT THIS YEAR LIKELY BE?

We have no legacy to acknowledge this year, and if the City and Branches contribute as anticipated, and the collection to-night be \$100, the balance will scarcely yield £400. Your Committee hope not to have less; even that is the smallest grant that New Brunswick has made for many years towards giving the Bible to other and less highly favored parts of our world. Your committee deeply regret to have to report any diminution in our aid to the great Institution with which it is our honor and privilege to be associated. The New Brunswick Auxiliary is not the only one which sent diminished contributions last year to

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The free contributions from all its Auxiliaries showed a falling off of £2,772. In all lands, "in which white men dwell," it was a year of depression; still the receipts from legacies being large, the total free contributions exceeded those of the previous year by over £14,000, making the Society's financial position better than for several years past.

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were also satisfactory—having been exceeded only on three occasions since the year 1804, though a decrease compared with the previous year. There were issued 2,780,602 copies of the Holy Scriptures, either as complete Bibles, New Testaments or portions of the Word of God—an average of more than 315 copies for every hour in the year. The aggregate issues of the society since 1804